

## **CHARTER OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**A. Committee's Official Designation.** Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (EAB).

**B. Objectives and Scope.** The Environmental Advisory Board will serve as an advisor to the Chief of Engineers on matters relating to environmental issues facing the Corps. This may include developing policy and procedural recommendations for consideration by the Chief of Engineers.

**C. Duration.** Continuing.

**D. Official to Whom Committee Reports.** The committee reports to the Chief of Engineers, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army.

**E. Sponsor and Agency Providing Support.** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**F. Duties.**

1. Ascertain and advise upon natural, social, and cultural resource management issues associated with Corps plans, projects, and programs;

2. Provide advice aimed at both identifying and resolving environmental issues within new or expanded Corps missions, working to strengthen the connection among water resources, protection of environmental health, and the security of the Nation;

3. Advise on the development of workable methods for quantifying natural, social, and cultural resource management costs and benefits of Corps programs and in expressing these in terms of both their tangible and intangible consequences;

4. Explore and advise on the full spectrum of activities so that the Corps, the nation's premier public engineering agency, can continue to solve the engineering and economic aspects of a variety of challenges, problems, and opportunities in an environmentally sustainable manner, and to address environmental problems as the sole purpose of an engineering effort; and

5. Contribute to an enhanced mutual understanding and confidence between the Corps and both the general public and the conservation community so that the public will recognize the Corps roles in, and responsibilities for, sustainable use, stewardship and restoration of our Nation's natural resources.

**G. Estimated Annual Cost.** Approximately \$160,000, including approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a staff year.

**H. Frequency of Meetings.** Estimate two committee meetings annually.

**I. Termination Date.** Not applicable.

**J. Composition of Committee.** The committee consists of not less than five and not more than ten members selected by the Chief of Engineers. The members will be chosen to represent various regions of the country and a practicable balance of expert knowledge and experience in natural (e.g. biological, ecological), social (e.g. anthropologist, community planner) and related sciences. Membership on the board is for a term of two years. A maximum of two consecutive terms may be served.

**K. Subcommittees.** None.

**L. Date charter filed:** February 28, 2002